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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:  
Hofstee et al.: Before the Examiner:  
: Vu, Trisha

Serial No.: 09/736,582

: Group Art Unit: 2189

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: Intellectual Property Law  
: IBM Corporation  
: 11400 Burnet Road  
: Austin, Texas 78758Title: REDUCTION OF INTERRUPTS  
IN REMOTE PROCEDURE CALLSREPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of January 14, 2004 (Paper No. 8), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 14, 2004, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

**Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.**

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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